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LEADERSHIP
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing you today on behalf of the Lone Star Leadership & Policy Center to encourage you to give significant weight to the benefits that will flow from AT&T's merger with T-Mobile USA (11-65 proceeding). Our mission is to help bring innovative solutions to bear on the major public policy issues confronting the nation and its peoples. We believe that technology leaps like the next generation of wireless service will open the door to countless numbers of these innovative solutions.

In a large and diverse state such as Texas, next-generation wireless will bring new educational opportunities to students in urban as well as rural areas. High school students in small rural districts will be able to study languages and topics that wouldn't be offered locally by joining virtual classrooms online. Even if they live in remote areas without wired broadband service, students would be able to research and study over the next generation of wireless service. In cities and towns, groups of students could gather to study at any public location, relying on wireless service to provide their connections.

Patients can "see" specialists over high-speed connections, reducing the need for travel to specialty medical centers. Businesses can hire without the need to relocate their first-choice job candidates, because people can work from anywhere.

There are untold benefits to hastening and broadening the delivery of next generation wireless service. Approving this merger will help deliver more innovative solutions to the issues facing our country. We believe it would be a good idea.

Sincerely,

Judge Robert Eckels
Chairman

CC:
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